

ZOOM BIBLE STUDY: KEY TERMS OF SCRIPTURE

REDEMPTION

Exodus 6:6 Say to the Israelites: 'I am the LORD, and I will bring you out from under the yoke of the Egyptians. I will free you from being slaves to them, and I will redeem you with an outstretched arm and with mighty acts of judgment.'

1.) What is the Biblical definition and picture of redemption? From what did the LORD redeem the Israelites?

2.) Slavery means being under the control of another. While some endure the oppression of physical bondage, all humans are enslaved spiritually to multiple masters. Name and describe the master(s) in each of the following verses:

John 8:34 Jesus replied, "I tell you the truth, everyone who sins is a slave to sin."

Romans 6:23 The wages of sin is death.

1 John 5:19 The whole world is under the control of the evil one.

Psalms 38:4,6 My guilt has overwhelmed me like a burden too heavy to bear. ...I am bowed down and brought very low; all day long I go about mourning.

Job 31:23a "I dreaded destruction from God."

Isaiah 66:24 "They will go out and look upon the dead bodies of those who rebelled against me; their worm will not die, nor will their fire be quenched, and they will be loathsome to all mankind."

3.) Not only are we enslaved by these merciless masters, but our predicament is far worse. How so?

Psalms 49:7-9 No man can redeem the life of another or give to God a ransom for him—the ransom for a life is costly, no payment is ever enough—that he should live on forever and not see decay.

Ephesians 2:1-3 As for you, you were dead in your transgressions and sins, in which you used to live when you followed the ways of this world and of the ruler of the kingdom of the air, the spirit who is now at work in those who are disobedient. All of us also lived among them at one time, gratifying the cravings of our sinful nature and following its desires and thoughts. Like the rest, we were by nature objects of wrath.

4.) Who alone can redeem a person? What price needed to be paid?

Isaiah 41:14 "Do not be afraid, O worm Jacob, O little Israel, for I myself will help you," declares the LORD, your Redeemer, the Holy One of Israel.

Matthew 20:28 "The Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

1 Peter 1:18-19 You know that it was not with perishable things such as silver or gold that you were redeemed from the empty way of life handed down to you from your forefathers, ¹⁹ but with the precious blood of Christ, a lamb without blemish or defect.

5.) What has our Redeemer ransomed us from?

Psalm 130:7-8 O Israel, put your hope in the LORD, for with the LORD is unfailing love and with him is full redemption. He himself will redeem Israel from all their sins.

Ephesians 1:7 In [Jesus Christ] we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins.

Romans 6:14 sin shall not be your master, because you are not under law, but under grace.

Hebrews 2:14-15 Since the children have flesh and blood, he too shared in their humanity so that by his death he might destroy him who holds the power of death—that is, the devil—and free those who all their lives were held in slavery by their fear of death.

Jeremiah 50:20 “In those days, at that time,” declares the LORD, “search will be made for Israel’s guilt, but there will be none, and for the sins of Judah, but none will be found, for I will forgive the remnant I spare.”

Hosea 13:14 “I will ransom them from the power of the grave; I will redeem them from death. Where, O death, are your plagues? Where, O grave, is your destruction?”

6.) Why has Jesus redeemed us?

Isaiah 54:4-5 “You will forget the shame of your youth and remember no more the reproach of your widowhood. For your Maker is your husband—the LORD Almighty is his name—the Holy One of Israel is your Redeemer; he is called the God of all the earth.”

Titus 2:11-14 For the grace of God that brings salvation has appeared to all men. It teaches us to say “No” to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives in this present age, while we wait for the blessed hope—the glorious appearing of our great God and Savior, Jesus Christ, who gave himself for us to redeem us from all wickedness and to purify for himself a people that are his very own, eager to do what is good.

7.) Scripture speaks about a final redemption. Explain.

Job 19:25-27 “I know that my Redeemer lives, and that in the end he will stand upon the earth. And after my skin has been destroyed, yet in my flesh I will see God; I myself will see him with my own eyes—I, and not another. How my heart yearns within me!”

Romans 8:23 We wait eagerly for our adoption as sons, the redemption of our bodies.

Closing Prayer: Redeemer, Jesus, we adore you for shedding your blood and laying down your life to set us free from sin, Satan, guilt, death, and hell. May all we say and do express the freedom, fearlessness, and eternal hope we have in you. Amen.

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